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Title: Uplink Timing Synchronization and Access Control  
for a Multi-Access Wireless Communication System

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the final Office Action dated September 22, 2004 in the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal is submitted concurrently herewith.

REMARKS

The present application was filed on February 11, 2000 with claims 1-34. Claims 1-34 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1 and 26-34 are the independent claims.

In the final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-14, 16, 17, 20 and 25-34 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over European Patent Publication EP 0760564 A2 (hereinafter "Engstrom") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,430,760 (hereinafter "Dent"), and indicated that claims 5, 15, 18, 19 and 21-24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.